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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated August 18, 2010 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending November 18, 2009 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested. Applicants request a three month extension to extend the date of reply to February 18, 2010 (to submit this response). The charge for this extension being paid for by using EFS-Web and is being charged to Deposit Account 07-0832

In view of extension, this response is considered timely.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.